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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Ravikumar, et al. Confirmation No.: 4970

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For: Oligomeric Compounds Having Modified Phosphate Groups

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Dear Examiner:

REPLY PURSUANT TO 37 CFR § 1.111

In response to the Official Action dated May 14, 2008, reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the amendments and/or remarks as indicated below:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.